

U.S. arms team leaves Khartoum

KHARTOUM, Aug. 20 (APF). — An American military mission to Sudan today wound up more than two weeks of fact-finding talks to determine Sudan's arms requirements. The mission, which arrived in Khartoum on Aug. 8, held a final round of consultations today with deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Abdul Majid Khalil and other senior Sudanese officials. Maj. Gen. Khalil later said that the American mission "was successful and realized its aims." Further talks would be held, he added. The American team told Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri of their recommendations when they met him on Thursday. The team visited Sudanese army units in several parts of Sudan. The team is to fly home from Khartoum Sunday.

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On probe to outer space U.S. spacecraft hits trouble after liftoff

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug. 20 (R). — A U.S. Voyager spacecraft blasted off today for the far edge of the solar system and immediately ran into trouble. The craft's first round of probe to the mystery of creation and to carry greetings to any civilised beings who may intercept it in remote space.

The spacecraft hit trouble with a vital piece of equipment shortly after blasting off, officials said.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) officials said it appeared that a boom which holds the two television cameras aboard the craft and three scientific experiments had failed to extend properly.

Officials said the problem might be in the data being received rather than in the spacecraft itself, and they were trying to learn more from the signals coming back from space.

Delay possible

"The spacecraft is not too healthy and is in trouble," said John Casani, manager of the \$500 million Voyager mission to Jupiter, Saturn and beyond. "If the boom is not fully deployed there would be a definite degradation, but not a total loss of the mission," Mr. Casani said.

"We hope to know within two or three hours the exact status of the spacecraft, but at the present time things do not look too good."

Officials said that, if the boom has partially extended, there is still a good chance the cameras and experiments could be used to obtain some pictures from the huge planets of Jupiter and Saturn which are believed to contain primordial matter little changed since the birth of the Universe.

If the problem is serious it could cause a delay in the Sept. 1 launching of the faster companion ship, Voyager I which will reach Jupiter first.

Officials also said that it appeared one of Voyager II's three gyros was not working properly. But this should not affect the mission, they added.

The 2,085 kilo craft -- and its "twin" -- are aimed to study Jupiter in 1979 then pass close to the ringed planet Saturn.

Then they will head out into eternity. "Greetings on behalf of the people of our planet," reads a message in the capsules by UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

"We step out of our solar system into the universe seeking only peace and friendship, to teach if we are called upon, and to be taught if we are fortunate."

Faulty valve

Voyager II began its mission after a five-minute delay to check a suspected faulty valve in the Titan-Centaur launch rocket. Eight minutes after liftoff the Titan rocket separated from the Centaur and Voyager sections, and the Centaur engines were ignited to place the vessel in a parking orbit 168 km. from Earth.

After 42 minutes in orbit the Centaur engines were fired again to set Voyager II on course for Jupiter.

Voyager I is to make its closest approach to Jupiter on March 5, 1979, and is supposed to send back photographs and other data of the huge planet and several of its 13 known satellites. It will then journey on to Saturn, passing it at its closest point on Nov. 27 1980.

Voyager II is due to pass closest to Jupiter on July 10 1979, and Saturn on Aug. 27, 1981. From there it may travel to Uranus, recently discovered 11 have rings of its own, and possibly on to Neptune, even farther from Earth, in 1985.

About 50,000 pictures of Jupiter and 16,000 pictures of Saturn and its intriguing rings are planned.

Each spacecraft also carries eight other instruments to study the atmosphere, magnetosphere, and other aspects of the planets, their satellites, and phenomena of deep space.

The messages on board are recorded in 60 languages on gold-plated discs. There are also video recordings and records of music and natural sounds of Earth.

"Although the chances are small of another civilisation picking up the records, I think it is important to people on Earth that we are trying to communicate with other civilisations," said Dr. Edward Stone, project scientist for the mission.

Jupiter and Saturn are so far from the Sun that they are thought to have escaped much of its influence and to be very much as they were when the Universe was born.

"We will learn much more about how the solar system evolved by studying these planets," said James Long, the jet propulsion laboratory's science manager for the Voyager mission.

Both planets are giant balls of gas, primarily composed of hydrogen and helium. Several storms occur on Jupiter and are said to occur on Saturn.

Both planets emit more energy than they receive from the Sun, indicating an internal heat source.

The Voyagers will also examine closely some of the two planets' satellites. Titan, one of Saturn's 10 known moons, is the largest known satellite in the Universe and the only one to have a substantial atmosphere.

There is evidence of hydrogen and methane in Titan's atmosphere, and some scientists believe there is a slight possibility it may contain organic molecules that are the precursors of life.

Begin aide hints at softening of stand

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (R). — A senior aide to Prime Minister Menachem Begin hinted today that the government's hard line against withdrawal from occupied Arab areas may be softened in the course of peace negotiations.

In an interview with Israeli radio Mr. Shmuel Katz, a senior adviser to Mr. Begin on publicity, said:

"The fact is that we enter into negotiations on the basis that we are discussing, in the case of Judea and Samaria (the occupied West Bank) and Gaza, territory that is part of our national heritage and belongs to the Jewish people.

"We do not want to give up any part of this territory.

"We hope we will not find it necessary to do so.

"But as we have said, if we shall find that, in formulating

Sri Lanka under curfew

COLOMBO, Aug. 20 (R). — The Sri Lanka government today imposed a nation-wide curfew because of civil disorders and violence and warned looters, arsonists and curfew-breakers that they ran the risk of being shot.

The curfew, which will last throughout the weekend, was imposed to try to curb the widespread civil disorder and violence directed mainly against the island's Tamil minority.

The state-run radio, quoting a Defence Ministry official, said the armed services and the police had been given specific instructions to deal very firmly with lawbreakers.

"Looters, arsonists and curfew-breakers run the risk of being shot," it said.

Disturbances which broke out in the main Tamil region of northern Sri Lanka on Monday spread widely over the week and today reached areas near the capital.

The official death toll had reached 14 by yesterday with several other people injured. But police declined to say whether there were further fatalities in today's fresh outbreaks.

Prime Minister Julius Jayewardene and his new United National Party government, swept to power in a general election a month ago, have been struggling all week to control the spreading violence.

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PROTECTION Armed white Rhodesian police Saturday execute cordon and search operations in Salisbury in an effort to combat urban guerrilla attacks. (AP wirephoto)

Peking announces Congress, sets urgent task of economic development

PEKING, Aug. 20 (R). — China's Communist Party, at its first congress since the death of Mao Tse-tung, has set the world's largest nation the task of urgent economic development.

Releasing the first official news of the 11th Chinese Communist Party Congress, Radio Peking said that Mao's successor, Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, had proclaimed "order, stability and unity throughout the land," denounced purged radicals and told the 850 million Chinese people they should strive to build by the year 2,000 "a great, powerful, modern, socialist nation."

The week-long congress named a new Central Committee, including many new members, which clearly indicated the grasp which political moderates have obtained on the Communist Party.

Delegates also mourned Chairman Mao and Premier Chou En-lai -- the leaders of the Chinese revolution -- who both died last year.

Chairman Hua delivered the key address to the 1,510 delegates and, after political convulsions which followed Mao's death, he emphasised the need for stability and economic development.

The congress ended on Thursday. Its meeting was an open secret in Peking, but tonight's official report was the first announcement to the Chinese people.

Firecrackers exploded and hundreds of thousands poured into the humid streets of the capital as Radio Peking broadcast the official communiqué, naming a new Central Committee of 201 full members and 132 alternate members.

Reports highlighted speeches by China's new triumvirate -- Mr. Hua, Defence Minister Yeh Chien-ying and Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping -- and disclosed that membership of the Chinese Communist Party now exceeded 35 million.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) said that in a four-hour political report, Mr. Hua bitterly assailed the Gang of Four radicals, among them Mao's widow Chiang Ching.

China's chief goals, he proclaimed, are criticism of the radicals, party rectification, economic development and improved education.

The Central Committee contained numerous new names

and revealed a thorough purge of suspected radicals, including a Vice-Premier, Mr. Sun Chien, and the former health and culture ministers.

Official reports of the congress named four vice chairmen of China's ruling Presidium. They are Defence Minister Yeh Chien-ying, Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, Li Hsien-nien, and Wang Tung-hsing, Mao's former bodyguard. Mr. Wang has leapfrogged over several other Politburo members into fifth place.

Peking Television tonight broadcast film of the congress which showed Mr. Hua, Mr. Yeh and Mr. Teng delivering speeches in the auditorium of the Great Hall.

Excerpts of the main speeches contained few surprises. They underlined the pragmatic policies China has been following since last October's downfall of the Gang of Four.

"Now that the gang has been overthrown we are able to achieve stability and unity and attain great order across the land," Mr. Hua told delegates in the Great Hall of the People.

He described the radicals' downfall as the final chapter in the Cultural Revolution launched in 1966, but said it did not mean the end of class struggle in China.

The political report reiterated Chinese warnings that the Soviet Union and the United States would be the source of a new world war, with the main danger from Moscow.

Meanwhile Israel has brushed aside a European Common Market protest against its decision to set up more settlements on the occupied West Bank, official sources said in West Jerusalem today.

Belgian Ambassador Jacques Eggermont, acting on behalf of the "nine," handed a protest note to the Foreign Ministry here calling the settlements an obstacle to peace.

The protest note said the governments of European Economic Community (EEC) countries were concerned over the plan to go ahead with three new settlements and to extend the services provided to Israeli citizens to the inhabitants of the occupied territories, WFA said.

It also reported that Palestinian guerrillas had in the past 48 hours carried out "military operations" in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Nabulus, in answer to a call from the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation to a riposte to the Israeli decisions.

Explosives placed in a shop in the central square of Tel Aviv's Petah Tikva suburb had gone off Saturday, killing or wounding seven Israeli "colonists" and damaging several buildings, WFA said, while two night ago in central Nabulus Palestinian militants had wounded all the members of an Israeli patrol in a grenade attack.

But explosives placed on a stretch of railway in Batir village in the Jerusalem area yesterday had been discovered by a patrol and defused, the agency added.

The United States meanwhile, today appeared to be playing down the extent of its differences with Israel over policy towards the occupied Arab territories.

Well-placed non-Israeli sources in Tel Aviv said the United States government was not taking a highly serious view of Israel's plans to set up three more Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank.

Somalia accuses Russia of provocation

Ethiopia orders full mobilisation for war

NAIROBI, Aug. 20 (R). — Ethiopian head of state, Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, today called on all his countrymen -- "men, women, youths and the old" -- to rise and fight as the country was engaged in a life or death struggle against invaders.

In an address to the nation broadcast by Addis Ababa radio, Col. Mengistu said the armed forces of Somalia, Iraq and Syria had invaded the Ogaden region of southeast Ethiopia. The industrial town of Dire Dawa had been bombarded by tanks and artillery.

"At this very hour our regular and militia forces are engaged in a life or death struggle for their revolution and unity in the vicinities of Dire Dawa, Harar and Djijiga to repulse the invasion being carried out by the soldiers of Mogadishu (Somalia) supported by tanks, artillery and aircraft."

Col. Mengistu, whose 30-minute broadcast was monitored here, also admitted fierce fighting in the Red Sea province of Eritrea where his army is contending with secessionist guerrillas.

The colonel called for "national mobilisation" adding that directions and plans to mobilise the people would be issued later.

"Reactionary Arabs"

The Somali Republic denies throwing its regulars into the battle to control the Ogaden desert. But it makes no secret of supporting a secessionist liberation front of tribesmen who are ethnically Somalis.

Col. Mengistu today said, however, that Somali regular soldiers were dying on the battle field round Harar and Dire Dawa, strategic towns east of Addis Ababa.

He said Somalia had taken advantage of the onslaught further north in Eritrea by the different secessionist movements there.

"Reactionary Arab countries" had stepped up help to

the Eritrean liberation fronts, who were bandits and traitors seeking to set up an anti-Ethiopian regime. They had rejected all settlement proposals and offers of autonomy, he added.

Col. Mengistu said Somalia's rulers and the Eritrean secessionists "should be taught an unforgettable lesson now." This was the decisive moment, he said.

"Everything to the battle front. Revolutionary mother death."

"Better to die"

The honour of your country has been defiled. Observe the soldiers of (Somali President) Mohammed Siad Barre and the mercenaries of reactionary Arabs pitch their tents on the graves of our gallant fathers who fell fighting fascist Italy...

"Men, women, youths and the old, rise up everywhere with whatever you have. Better to die fighting in liberty rather than to live in slavery, subdued and defeated.

"Prepare your war provisions."

"Get armed."

"Onward to the front."

"Revolutionary Ethiopia or death."

The Ethiopian leader acknowledged for the first time that Ethiopian forces had lost control of Nakfa, Karora and Keren in Eritrea, and said these reverses, and those along the Somali border, were the result of coordinated action from one command headquarters, which he did not name.

"We have conclusive proof that both war fronts, that is to say the eastern and northern war fronts as well as the political offensive are being coordinated from one central command headquarters."

He added that the armed forces of Somalia, Iraq and Syria which have invaded Ethiopia from the east "under the guise of a phantom Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF)" would declare a government inside Ethiopia which would seek union with Somalia.

"Invading forces" in Eritrea would declare a similar govern-

ment which would rapidly be made a member of the Arab League, he declared.

Col. Mengistu, who has raised and armed a "people's militia" of more than 100,000 peasants and is now raising a "workers' militia" to serve under his direct command and boost the 60,000-man regular armed forces, said he had great faith in the broad masses of Ethiopia.

"The enemies who are at present threatening us will vanish like fog even if we Ethiopians, men and women, went to war armed just with sticks and stones," he said.

To harness such forces of the people "we have established regional revolutionary and people's operations commands with the aim of routing and kicking out the insolent alien forces from our land. The details will be disclosed to you urgently and regularly."

Speaking of the Somali invasion of Ethiopia through the Ogaden, following the route of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini in 1935, he said:

"We call on Siad Barre to heed Mussolini's history and fate and immediately withdraw his troops from our territory, for no amount of hue and cry later can save him from the consequences."

Meanwhile, Somalia has accused its ally, the Soviet Union, of taking a provocative attitude over the fighting between Somalis and Ethiopians in the disputed Ogaden desert region.

The accusation, made last night in a Radio Mogadishu broadcast monitored in Nairobi, is evidence of the growing split between Somalia and the Soviet Union which started when Russia began supplying arms to Ethiopia.

The broadcast said: "Somalia does not wish to fall out with her comrades because of a trap laid by the wavering Addis Ababa regime. Somalia hopes that things will not reach such a stage and that they (Russians) will at least be neutral if it is not possible for them to support the Western Somalia and Eritrean liberation fronts."

The broadcast warned: However, if they (Russia) persist with their provocative attitude, Somalia will not hesitate to take whatever action is required to counter it and she will not be lacking friends who will stand by her."

In an attempt to offset Soviet influence in the strategic Horn of Africa region, Britain and the United States have said they would be willing to supply "defensive arms" to Somalia.

France has said it is considering a Somali arms "shopping list."

The radio said there was an "incredible report" that Cuban troops were going to the aid of Ethiopia. It added: "Under such circumstances Somalia is committed to line up on the side of the Western Somalis and Eritreans in order to wipe out those aiding colonialism."

Ethiopia has denied a Somali claim that up to 9,000 foreign troops were to reinforce the Ethiopian army in its war against the guerrillas.

On Tuesday the Soviet Union, in a thinly disguised rebuke to Somalia, described Ethiopia as the victim of an invasion.

The government newspaper Izvestia said: "A fact remains a fact: Military action is taking place on Ethiopian territory, and it is Ethiopia that is the victim of an armed invasion."

Somali's powerful 20,000-strong army was equipped and trained by the Soviet Union. Ethiopia is mainly using military equipment given by the United States before the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie three years ago and the introduction of a Marxist government.

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Conflict-straddling

The two superpowers are engaged in a bizarre experiment in fence-straddling across conflict lines. In the case of the Soviet Union, its attempt to keep one foot in each camp in the Ethiopian-Somali dispute is about to end in failure because the Kremlin has chosen to ignore the cardinal rule not to alienate either side and is siding more and more openly with Ethiopia. The United States, on the other hand, is still in business as ally of both the Arab states (with one or two exceptions) and Israel.

Unfortunately both superpowers became involved in conflict-straddling without the least notion how the disputes between their allies could be resolved. The USSR has been forced to throw in the towel due to the sharp escalation of the conflict into the actual outbreak of hostilities in the Somali-Ethiopian dispute.

The Americans, on the other hand, have managed to prevent an escalation of the Arab-Israeli conflict into a war but are nonetheless caught squarely in the middle of a stalemate. The Carter administration's attempt at conflict resolution has taken the form of drawing loose guidelines for a settlement and offering America's good offices as a peace-broker while leaving it up to the parties to the dispute to work out the eventual shape of the settlement between them. Otherwise, the only contribution of the United States under the Carter administration has been to discourage actions by either side that lead away from reconciliation and to encourage actions that have the opposite effect.

The drawback to this approach is that if one side does undertake some action that makes a solution more difficult, as in the establishment of new Israeli settlements on the West Bank, the U.S. is powerless to do anything about it. As a result, the United States is permitting a heightening of tension and a perpetuation of the stalemate. This could lead to an impasse so forbidding that one side might decide to alter its strategy, including its alliances, in order to achieve its own desired ends. In other words, the United States is in a position where it must deliver the goods or suffer the same fate as the Soviet Union. The only difference between the two superpowers in that case would be that Washington has chosen a more tortuous path to arrive at the same end as Moscow.

The United States could of course abandon one of its allies, but that would amount to defeat anyway. The only reasonable alternative is for it to exercise a stronger directing influence and apply sanctions against the recalcitrant party. In this case that means Israel. In terms of global strategy Israel is not in a position to switch partners as easily as the Arabs. As far as American domestic considerations are concerned, President Carter is already in a position to argue that Israel's actions merit some form of U.S. sanctions, mild as they may be.

Delegation leaves for apartheid conference

AMMAN (JNA). — A delegation led by Foreign Ministry Secretary General Kamal Hmud left here Saturday morning for the Nigerian capital, Lagos, to represent Jordan at a U.N. conference on apartheid.

The five-day conference, starting Monday, will be attended by a large number of countries, as well as international organisations. It will discuss ways of combatting apartheid, in particular in South Africa.

In a statement delivered at Amman airport before his departure, Mr. Hmud said that Israel will not attend the conference because the World Jewish Congress (WJC) had been barred, while the Arab League, Palestine Liberation Organisation and U.N. Committee on Palestinian Rights had been invited.

Mr. Ibrahim Nabulsi, a member of the Jordanian mission in New York, will join the delegation.

The group was sent off by Director of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Zaki Al Qussus and ministry officials.

University of Jordan to take 10,000 students

AMMAN (JNA). — The number of students at the University of Jordan will reach 10,000 by 1980, with that at Yarmouk University totalling 4,000, the presidents of the two universities announced here Saturday.

The two presidents, Dr. Ishay Al Farhan of the University of Jordan, and Dr. Adnan Badran of Yarmouk University, speaking at a press conference to preview the new scholastic year starting in October, stated that the University of Jordan will receive 2,100 and Yarmouk University 700 students this year.

They also said JD 250,000 will be allocated to support student loans at the University of Jordan, and JD 50,000 for Yarmouk University.

The presidents emphasised that their universities must link education to the requirements of economic and social development, and provide trained human resources to serve the development process.

Dr. Al Farhan pointed out that the University of Kuwait is sending an increasing number of students to the University of Jordan for its summer semester.

He also said that because of excess teaching capacity at his university, four teachers were sent to work at the University of the United Arab Emirates.

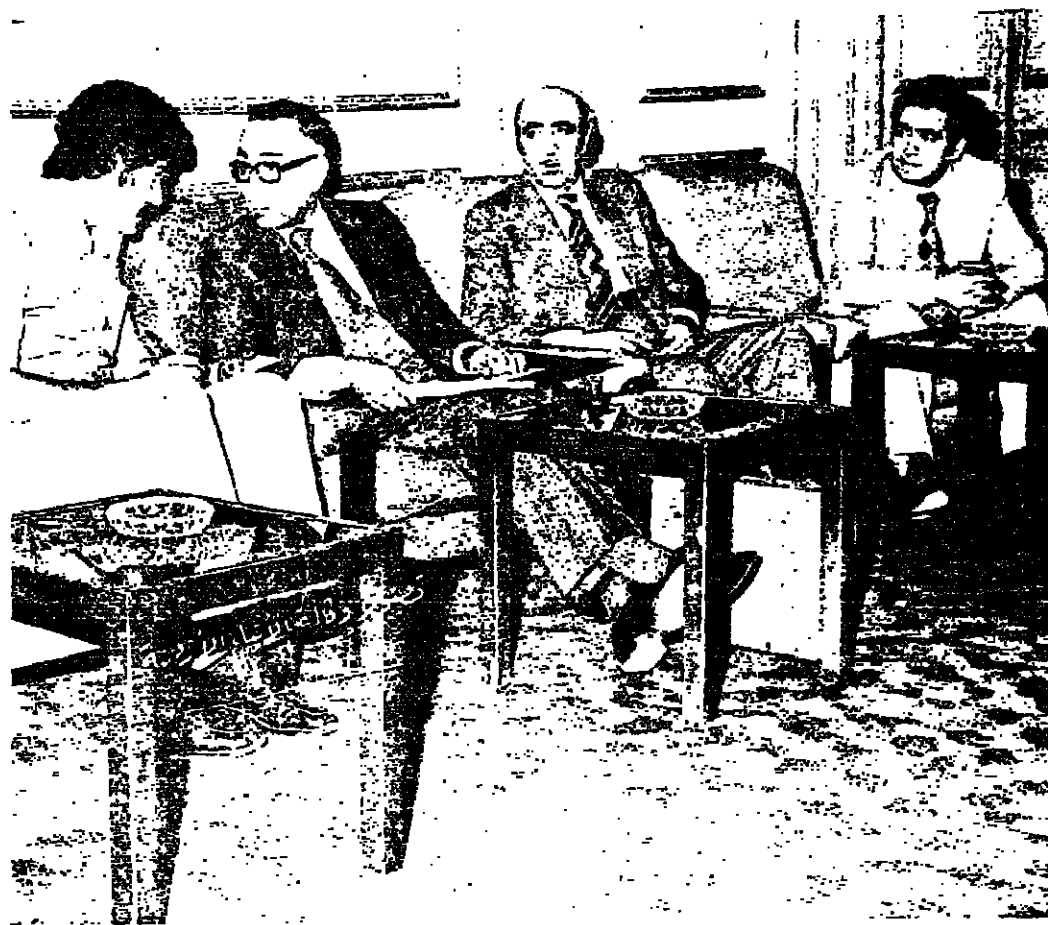
School year starts

The 1977-1978 school year started Saturday for 700,000 students at 2,700 government, private and UNRWA schools throughout the Kingdom. A total of 70,000 are new students.

Syrian public security team meets Arabiyat

AMMAN (JNA). — Public Security Director Maj.-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat Saturday received a visiting Syrian delegation led by the Under-Secretary at the Syrian Ministry of Interior, Brig. Hussein Ayyoubi.

Discussion centred on measures taken to unify regulations in public security departments in the two countries. The Syrian delegation arrived here from Damascus Saturday morning.



Foreign Ministry Secretary General Kamal Hmud (centre) talks to a reporter at Amman airport Saturday before his departure for Lagos to attend a conference on apartheid.

Complaints about inadequate telephone service prompt series of crash programmes to update overworked system

The telephone system has recently been the target of a string of complaints: Momentary delays in getting the dialling tone, crossed lines, crackling and failure to reach the desired number.

In a recent interview with the Jordan Times, Director General of the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) Mohammad Shahed Ismail said that the situation should be remedied by the end of the year with the installation of additional switching equipment in each of the capital's outdated exchanges and a thorough check-up and calibration of all equipment.

By Lina Gress
Special to the Jordan Times

Complaints are confined to two major areas: A lack of equipment to meet demand and the quality of service, which suffers from overworked exchanges, Mr. Ismail stated.

The improvement of services, Mr. Ismail added, depends solely on the volume of capital allotted to implement long-term projects, as well as crash programmes to remedy existing problems.



Mohammad Shahed Ismail: Improved service at end of the year.

One of the TCC's present crash programmes is the upgrading of services rendered by the five out-dated public exchanges in Amman area.

Work has already started with the recent arrival of nine Indian experts under a contract signed in July with Indian Telephone Industries, (ITI). Mr. Ismail said that ITI will supply and install the additional switching equipment required to cater for more traffic before the end of 1977.

ITI has been chosen because it manufactures electromechanical step-by-step public exchanges of the type used in Jordan.

Consultants are working on new designs for the networks, Mr. Ismail explained. When this work is complete, an international tender will be floated for the supply and installation of the new equipment.

Mr. Ismail explained that as a stop-gap measure the TCC has embarked on another crash programme to install 12,600 new telephone lines in the Kingdom by the end of the year. This will boost the present capacity by about 35 per cent.

This expansion will include 3,000 lines obtained through mobile exchanges; 2,000 are for the Amman area and 1,000

for Ramtha. The mobile exchanges are self-contained, since they do not need a building. They can be mounted on a trailer and placed next to any existing public exchange to act as a "slave exchange". They can alternatively be installed in a town as an independent automatic exchange. The capacity of each unit is 1,000 telephone lines.

In addition, 4,200 extra lines will be installed in the Zarqa area; 1,800 in Aqaba; 1,800 in Salt; and 2,000 in Irbid by the end of 1977.

Long-term projects are also underway. The TCC signed a JD 10 million contract early this year with a consortium of Japanese firms for a turn-key project to set up five modern telephone exchanges in Jordan: Three in Amman, one in Irbid and another in Karak. The project, to be completed within two years, will have a preliminary capacity of 18,000 lines and a possible capacity of 50,000.

If the number of subscribers is to be substantially boosted large amounts of money will have to be spent, Mr. Ismail stressed. At the moment five per cent of the capital's population has a telephone.



One of Amman's five telephone exchanges: At the wrong end of the public's wrath.

Such a percentage, he stressed, seems low when compared with figures for industrialised countries, where the percentage may reach 60 or 70, and over 100 in a city like Washington.

If the number of subscribers is boosted to 15 per cent in Amman, which is not considered a very ambitious goal, the cost at the present market rate would come to JD 35 million, Mr. Ismail stressed.

"Jordan, as a developing country, should be able to spread such a huge capital lay-

out over a reasonable period of time. The public must contribute through a higher cost reflective rate," he added.

In the meantime, Mr. Ismail said, the TCC has ordered advanced semi-electronic public exchanges that will be free of the problems facing the old ones.

Mr. Ismail stressed that when the modern equipment is installed, the TCC will limit the holding time of each call to three minutes and boost the charge for any extra time on the line.

NATIONAL NOTES

AMMAN. — Mr. Walid Asfour has been elected Assistant Mayor of Amman to replace Mr. Hani Hahleh, who resigned recently, municipality sources announced Saturday. Mr. Zuheir Ajlouni was at the same time appointed a member of the municipal committee to replace Mr. Khaled Shuman, who has also resigned.

AMMAN. — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim Saturday received the Omani ambassador to Jordan, who handed him a copy of his credentials. Mr. Ibrahim also received the Greek ambassador to Jordan.

AMMAN. — The legal adviser at the Department of Land and Survey, Mr. Najeb Sharayri, returned from the United States Friday after attending a two-month legal seminar in California.

AMMAN. — Physicians Saturday founded the Jordanian Physicians' League. It will promote the scientific and technical talents of physicians in Jordan and the Arab World, enabling them to play a more effective role in the field.

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I said, on Saturday, that the bomb explosions which the Palestinian resistance is confronting Israeli occupation of the West Bank should be a clear indicator that things are not "just fine" under Israeli military rule, as Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is trying to persuade the world. Those interested in the Middle East question should realise that with the failure of the American peace initiative, "moderates" in the Arab World can no longer effectively suppress the radical reaction which now can easily destroy all hope of a peaceful settlement.

AL DUSTOUR said that the plan forwarded by Mr. Dayan for an "administrative" presence on the West Bank with a military one of Israel, is only an attempt to do away with United Nations' Resolution 242 and to bring about a "legalisation" of Israeli occupation of Arab territories. This is a farce. Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories is the one and only solution to the area's conflict, for the relationship between Israelis and West Bankers is of forced occupation which cannot ever become "legitimate".

AL SHA'B said that the international protest against recent Israeli measures on the West Bank is not enough and

can do nothing to stop Israel. The history of this state shows that it pays no attention to condemnation statements or to protest memoranda. Proof is that when the official American protest over the creation of new West Bank settlements remarked that the move was illegal, Israel retorted by saying that the establishment of settlements was a "purely internal affair" and that "nobody has a right to direct us about it." The world, therefore, should do more than protest if real peace in the Middle East is desired.

AL AKHBAR said that the belief that recent Israeli actions and statements by Premier Menachem Begin are "internal consumption only" is mistaken. The present Israeli government believes that a return to 1967 borders is the "beginning of the end" for the state and it believes that U.S. President Carter does not wish to bring his administration to the brink of a total confrontation with Israel so he will not pressure Mr. Begin enough to break his stubbornness. Therefore, the Arabs can do one of two things: Either protest, something which makes no difference to Israel or go to war, something which Israel really wants and which the Arabs really are not able to do.

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Lance cleared, faces sceptical Congress

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (R). — U.S. Budget Director Bert Lance, a close friend of President Carter, faces close congressional scrutiny on how he managed his own budget as a leading Georgia banker, despite an official report clearing him of any illegal acts.

Sen. Charles Percy said through a spokesman Thursday he did not believe the affair was closed. He said that although the report by the Comptroller of the Currency, a government regulatory body, said Mr. Lance had done nothing illegal, he expected it to form the basis of the senate committee's questionings of the flamboyant banker.

Senator Percy's spokesman said it raised questions of impropriety, specifically in the areas of overdrafts and

the size of loans Mr. Lance received while he was an officer of the National Bank of Georgia, and more that, of the Calhoun First National Bank.

A smiling Mr. Lance told reporters a few hours after the report was released that he would continue with his Carter administration job, officially titled director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Carter took the unusual step of making a 225 km. round trip by helicopter from Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland, to be with his close adviser at the start of the news conference and reiterate his strong support.

"As far as I'm concerned as president, the intensive investigation and the comptrol-

ler's report have answered the questions that were raised against Bert Lance", he said.

Mr. Lance borrowed more than \$6 million from banks in New York and Chicago which had a corresponding relationship with the banks he headed in Georgia.

Under this banking practice, one bank deposits a given sum in an interest-free account in another bank, which then handles the first bank's business in that area.

The question was whether the establishment of the corresponding accounts was linked to the personal loans Mr. Lance subsequently obtained from those institutions.

The report Thursday said that no evidence was turned up that linked the various transactions.

However, in connection with \$150,000 in overdrafts Mr. Lance ran up in an unsuccessful 1974 bid to become Georgia governor, the report declared that such overdrafts constituted unsafe and unsound thinking.

NYC Port Authority appeals against court decision favouring Concorde

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (AFP). — The New York Port Authority yesterday officially appealed against last Wednesday's decision by Federal Judge Milton Pollack ordering it to let the Franco-British Concorde supersonic airliner land at Kennedy International Airport here.

The authority said it would also ask for a stay of execution for the judgement. Port

Authority lawyer Jes Leesser said earlier the authority would need two weeks to present its appeal.

Judge Pollack said on Wednesday the authority's delay in taking a decision about Concorde, and its barring of the plane for more than 15 months, was unjustified. Discriminatory and unreasonable.

Concorde is already using Washington's Dulles Airport.

The comptroller's office referred the matter of the Lance overdrafts to the Justice Department for possible legal action in 1975, but the matter ended there, the report said.

The fact that details of this were not presented to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee last July 25 when it gave Mr. Lance a clean bill of health has irked committee members.

Soviets claim own cotton matches Egypt's quality

MOSCOW, Aug. 20 (R). — The Soviet Union, seeking to play down Egypt's suspension of cotton exports to this country, is claiming that its own crop can now match Egyptian cotton for quality.

The first, indirect Soviet response to President Anwar Sadat's move six days ago came in a report issued last night by Tass News Agency.

A Russian agronomist, Mr. Vyacheslav Kraselshnikov, had disproved the theory that high quality, fine-staple cotton "can grow only in the conditions of Egypt", Tass said.

Soviet varieties of fine-staple cotton were already grown in the Soviet central Asian Republic of Tadzhikistan, which produced 250,000 tons a year.

"Introduction has started of a new strain with better fibre," he said.

The report's message seemed to be that Moscow had already taken steps to compensate for its loss of imported Egyptian cotton, which has generally been of higher quality than the Soviet crop.

President Sadat decided to suspend cotton shipments in apparent retaliation for Soviet reluctance to fulfil a deal on deliveries of tanks to Egypt.

Last year the Soviet Union imported 34,985 tons of Egyptian cotton fibre — a tiny fraction of its own production figure of some 2,500,000 tons.

But because of its higher quality, Egyptian cotton was more important economically to the Soviet Union than the tonnages suggested.

According to reports from Cairo, this country used to re-export Egyptian cotton to the West in exchange for sought-after hard currency.

British business slowed 2nd quarter

LONDON, Aug. 20 (AFP). — Latest official indicators confirm that business activity slowed down in the second quarter of this year and that the government's targets, as given in the budget, are not being attained.

Gross domestic product, which rose slightly in the first quarter, fell one per cent in the second, or just about as low as the worst level since the recession began four years ago.

For the current year, an initial growth target of two per cent was set by the government. Later it was lowered to 1.5 per cent. But, as things are, it seems that this will prove optimistic.

U.S. will begin stockpiling oil in September

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AFP). — The United States strategic oil reserve, decided on in spring by President Jimmy Carter, will start being stockpiled in September.

The Federal Energy Agency announced yesterday that the first reserves of 16 million barrels had been bought and would be delivered from Mexico, Venezuela, Iran and Saudi Arabia between September and next April.

The final reserve will total 500 million barrels, costing an estimated \$8 billion dollars, and is to be completed by the end of 1980.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian Dinar	Buying/Selling
Saudi riyal	93.00/93.50
Lebanese pound	105.30/105.20
Syrian pound	81.50/90
Iraqi dinar	965.00/975.00
Kuwaiti dinar	1140.00/1143.50
Egyptian pound	467.00/475.00
Libyan dinar	725.00/735.00
UAE dirham	84.00/90
U.K. sterling	873.00/877.00
U.S. dollar	329.00/331.00
German mark	141.40/142.30
French franc	67.00/60
Swiss franc	136.10/90
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.20/40

One major reason for the slowdown is the decline in private consumption. Consumer spending dipped 1.25 per cent in the second quarter, which was twice the percentage estimated earlier. This spending is now at its lowest point for more than five years.

Clothing purchases alone declined more than four per cent in the second quarter. Durable goods dropped 3.75 per cent with cars down more than seven per cent. Food, drink, tobacco and housing were the only increases.

It is not surprising that the public are spending less. They have been forced to tighten their belts as a result of pay cuts and the high inflation rate.

In the year to June, the cost of living rose about twice as fast as average wages: 17.7 per cent against 9.7 per cent.

Public spending has been trimmed, and the improvement in exports and investment has been less than hoped for.

It is true that in July retail sales suddenly jumped four

per cent. But demand still came partly from the huge number of tourists coming to Britain. Another factor is the tendency of the British to spend more holidays in their own country rather than abroad, because they have less money and the pound sterling has depreciated.

Buying power may rise from now on, however. The net income of households has been boosted in recent weeks by various tax concessions. In addition, the government is looking for inflation to slow down and already in July prices rose only 0.1 per cent.

Although private sector economists forecast that wages will be at least 14 per cent, pro-inflationary forces are expected to call for early boost to the economy. They will not only point to the dull official picture but may well refer to the prediction by the "model" economists that Britain will have two million jobs by summer, the present figures being around 1,600,000.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Iraq, Malaysia boost trade relations

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 20 (R). — The first meeting of the Malaysia-Iraq Joint Committee has ended with an agreement to increase and diversify bilateral trade. Malaysian Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Hamzah Abu Samah said at the end of the two-day meeting yesterday that Iraq had agreed to undertake long term purchase of rubber, palm oil and coconut. Oil in Malaysia. Iraq has offered crude oil, dates, sulphur, chemicals, fertilisers, heavy transport equipment, tractors and car batteries as items it could supply to Malaysia in developing the trade. Datuk Hamzah said the Iraqi delegation agreed to train Malaysians in textiles, petroleum and food technology at the manufacture of agricultural machinery while Malaysia was prepared to accept Iraqi students at its technical institutes.

N. Yemen plans development conference

SANAA, Aug. 20 (R). — Ministers of planning from 40 and other friendly countries are among more than 200 experts and scientists expected to take part in an international conference on North Yemen's five-year development plan, due to open here in November. The cost of the plan, launched in June, is estimated at about 16,000 million rials (about \$3,420 million). The conference North Yemen is expected to seek financial assistance at 2,000 million Yemeni rials (about \$440 million), officials here said.

'Big four' conclude wheat conference

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (R). — The four biggest wheat exporting nations — U.S., Canada, Australia, Argentina — concluded yesterday on measures to provide the world with more secure food supply without setting difficult technical barriers, sources close to the meeting said. Delegation members termed the two days of talks by the wheat "big four" very constructive. But they also revealed a number of technical differences that will require much work to resolve.

One British resort exploits the sun, cuts costs

By Val Wake

LONDON (LPS). — Making a business of holidays in the sun is a conventional pursuit, but making the sun work for you to save on energy costs is a novel idea which has been adopted by one of Britain's biggest package holiday companies.

Pontins, which has 36 holiday villages and hotels in Britain and around the shores of the Mediterranean, has gone solar.

In May this year one of Europe's largest solar energy hot water systems was commissioned at the company's Pontin Hotel One at Torremolinos on the southern coast of Spain. A similar installation followed at the company's neighbouring Pontin Hotel Two, for £20,000 and an estimated saving in energy of 450,000 kilowatt hours a year.

By 1975 it was ready to test a prototype system made up of 24 solar collectors with 64 square metres of heating area which was capable of handling between 9,000 to 13,600 litres a day, raising the water temperature from 10 degrees C. to 40 degrees C.

"What we were looking for was a knock-down collector which could be erected by non-skilled labour and adapted to existing systems to produce

Strung out in banks of 12 along the south side of the pool the collectors attracted a lot of attention and some guests showed interest in having such a system in their homes.

Previously the pool was heated by oil; now solar radiation was doing the bulk of the work, maintaining a comfortable temperature of between 22 degrees C. and 27 degrees C. The oil-burning burner is still in place and is used as a

and an initial potential of 40,000 collectors a year.

The range includes an industrial and domestic solar collector (using the trade names Dolphin and Seacraft collectors), a solar hot water store tank, an electronic solar control unit, hand and motorised diverting valves, pumps, tubes and fittings.

What tests have shown

Both the Dolphin and Seacraft collectors are suitable for heating applications needing water at temperatures between 10 degrees C. and 90 degrees C. Mains water can be used as the collectors are made from corrosion resistant materials which are sometimes found in mixed metal systems and town water.

The company's tests have shown that in Britain, where the annual average solar radiation level seldom exceeds 1,200 kilowatt hours/square metre, a family of five would need four square metres of solar collectors, linked to a 180 litre solar water tank, to produce a significant saving in domestic hot water costs (up to 65 per cent of annual costs).

At Torremolinos, in the first phase of the company's Mediterranean solar programme, the 250 room Pontin Hotel One was supplied with a solar collector system, providing 210 square metres of heating area to produce almost nine million litres of water a year, rising in temperature from 13 degrees C. to 54 degrees C. The estimated annual savings from this one installation is 234,000 kilowatt hours.

Three holiday villages

Following the two solar conversions at Torremolinos, the next will be made at the company's three holiday villages in Mallorca.

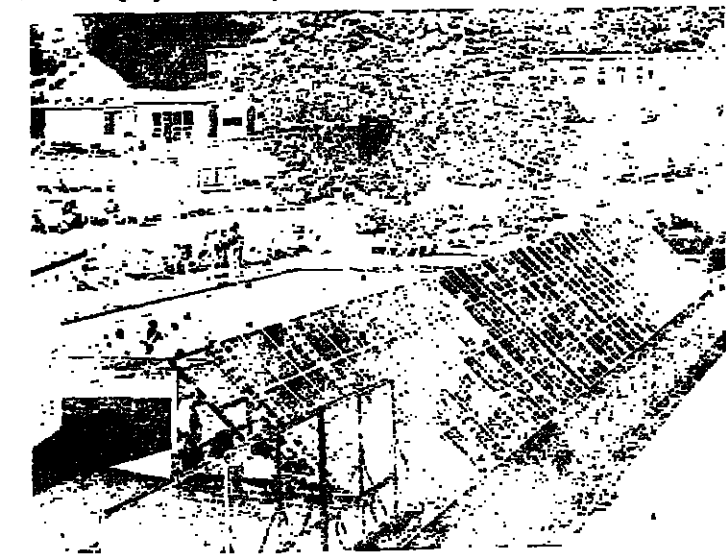
Eventually all of the company's Mediterranean holiday centres will be converted to use solar heating and Mr. Marles, who estimates the potential market in solar systems to be worth more than £7 million in Britain and in other countries, sees this as a selling factor in attracting new customers.

"We feel that we can use the solar experience we have gained to supply a larger world market", he said. "We believe we have the resources and know-how to meet the demands of that market."

To help the international marketing of its product the Solar Apparatus and Equipment team has organised a technical advisory service which will give free information on solar systems to any potential client.

Training programme

The service includes use of an on-line computer to provide details of solar radiation levels.



Pontins' solar test bed at its Barton Hall Chalet Hotel, Torquay, south-west England, provides heating for the outdoor swimming pool and the hotel's kitchen and laundry. Rooms are also to have hot water by the same system.

the hot water needed without unnecessary complications," explained Mr. Marles, who is joint Managing Director of Solar Apparatus and Equipment. The team came up with an entirely new solar collector designed and manufactured for a life of at least 20 years, capable of operating in a wide range of climates and suitable for quick assembly by non-skilled labour, using basic handtools, and needing the minimum of preparatory work.

Big pool project

Following test success at the Newton Abbot laundry, the team decided to tackle a more ambitious project — hot water for the 377,320 litre international-scale swimming pool at the company's holiday centre at Barton Hall, in southwest England.

This was the first opportunity that some of Pontin's holidaymakers — 800,000 are expected for each year in Britain — had of assessing the system made of 52 solar collectors with 140 square metres of heating area.

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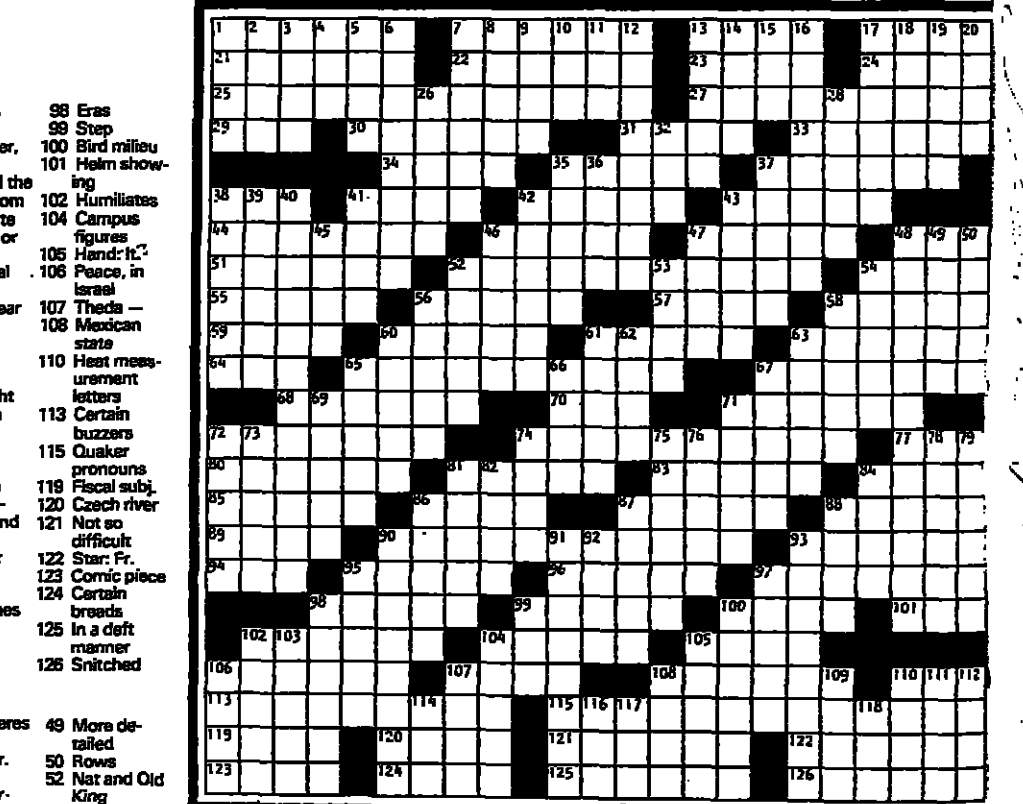
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- 2 SLODECODED PONAPOT AT: EPT "AS M
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—By Chuck Campbell
- 3 SIDBNP SPRINKLE SLEEPY RUD ZNIP E
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—By E.L. Living
- 4 TEX YOJDY PECL EC LPDDF HC PHE
XEYU UYOJT.
—By Earl J. J.

Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Donkey kicked in cow's new stall which was built by shabby boy.
2. Kid who emptied apartment trash baskets bore new titles sold as management engineer.
3. Tale here tells that bullet belt leaping tall table slipped, resigned.
4. Ocean took motion to attack certain tanker.

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 21, 1977

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RIGHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you can easily express your charm and magnetism and get an excellent response from others. Take time to make plans for the days ahead since the planets are favorable now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make plans to get ahead faster. Be more interested in what your mate has to say. Come to a far better understanding with this person.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Associates may think that mutual matters are not working out as they should, but they are not thinking clearly. Keep calm.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Much work is ahead of you and you should handle it in a positive way to get the best results. Be more cheerful.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Forget own concerns and engage in activities that can bring you true happiness. Avoid a no-good troublemaker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Anything of an amusement nature could prove disappointing now, so concentrate on whatever is practical and get much accomplished.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be sure you are careful in motion today and save yourself trouble and expense. Be more thoughtful of mate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make sure you are careful with finances or you could lose everything you have. Confer with a monetary expert who can be helpful to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An affair you dislike should be handled in a most diplomatic way. Stay at home tonight and rest up for the coming week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Take time for meditation so that you will be well prepared to handle any problematical affairs. Take time for prayer, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Attend the services of your choice early in the day. Engage in favorite hobby during spare time. Be more thoughtful of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure you do nothing that could jeopardize your position in the community where your reside. Be logical.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make definite plans to make your life more profitable and interesting. Your hunches are likely to be erroneous at present time.

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PEANUTS

HEY, STUPID CAT, I'M SORT OF CURIOUS...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GET ME FOR A WEDDING PRESENT?

POW

I WAS HOPING FOR A SET OF BUTTER KNIVES

ANDY GAPP

WHAT A SUPER BLOKE! AN' SO GOOD LOOKIN' ABSOLUTELY SUPER!

SUPER! SUPER! I WISH YOU'D STOP GOIN' ON ABOUT 'IM - IT'S A PITY I'M NOT SUPER!

WELL, MEBBE YOU'RE NOT, PEE!

BUT MIND YOU, YOU'RE MEDIOCRE IN A BIG WAY.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

MUTT & JEFF

IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY! HOW COME YOU BROUGHT YOUR UMBRELLA?

WHAT'S THAT - A PRESCRIPTION FOR SOME PILLS?

...THE ADDRESS SPEED READING SCHOOL!!

THE FLINTSTONES

WELL, DOC - SHOULD I CONTINUE MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE MONTHLY BOOK CLUB?

CERTAINLY, POPP...

WHAT'S THAT - A PRESCRIPTION FOR SOME PILLS?

...THE ADDRESS SPEED READING SCHOOL!!

LAUGHS FROM EUROPE

ENGLAND
 Wiles
 "Sorry I'm late - I'd quite forgotten it's Sunday."

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes

"Actually, it was a preventable accident. My husband could have kept his mouth shut."

PROVERB
 One positive thing is that evil always manages to destroy itself.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
 1977 by Chicago Tribune

DEAR MR. GOREN:

Q.-In defending against an opponent's preemptive bid, do you recommend an optional double or Fishbein? Mrs. J. B. Sweeney, Jr., Palm Beach, Fla.

A.-To be quite accurate, I recommend neither. I do use a double, but it is for takeout, not optional. Of course, like any other takeout double partner always has the right to convert for penalties. However, when I make the double I expect my partner to bid his best suit.

For those who have not come across the term before, the Fishbein Convention uses the next suit over the preemptor's suit for takeout. For example, suppose your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three hearts. A double by you would be for penalties, while a bid of three spades would be for takeout. Of course, you could have spades as well, but you are asking partner for his best suit. He will not pass or raise spades unless he has at least four cards in the suit.

Not too many players still use Fishbein - indeed, it has all but disappeared from expert bidding methods. The reason is obvious: the bid is more useful in its natural sense than as a takeout bid. For example, suppose your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three diamonds and you hold: ♠xx ♥AKJxxx ♣xx ♦K10x. You would really like to compete with three hearts. However, if that would be for takeout, you cannot afford the risk. Partner might jump to four spades, expecting to find support in your hand, and you are headed for a catastrophe. Strictly speaking, an optional double over a preemptive bid is made on a balanced hand, rather like an opening no trump bid. If

partner does not have a good suit to introduce, he is free to pass. This differs from a takeout double in that partner may not pass a takeout double without length in the opponents' suit and no place to go.

Q.-My partner and I play the "short club." What I do not understand is when may partner pass a one club bid? -W. Fye, Detroit, Mich.

A.-There are more versions of the "short club" than there are cards in the pack, and I don't know which you play. Since I play the "conventional" club opening, the one club bidder needs three to the queen or better to open one club. Responder needs the same values to bid as he would over any other opening bid, i.e., 6 points. With fewer than that, he should pass. However, he might stretch that a little if he has a five-card major suit and is very short in clubs, e.g., ♠Qxxx ♥410xxx ♦xxx ♣x. Over a one club opening, I would respond one heart.

Q.-When you hold seven cards in a suit and the opponents have six, the probable break is 4-2. Assume you need four tricks from:

Dummy A K Q J 10
 You xxx

You cash the ace-king of the suit and both opponents follow low. Is it better to finesse the ten or play for the drop? -R. Simmonds, New York, N.Y.

A.-Playing for the drop is 2 per cent better than the finesse. The reason is that, once both opponents have followed to the first two rounds, you have eliminated 6-0 and 5-1 distributions from consideration. Also, when you lead the third round toward dummy and your left-hand opponent follows, your right-hand opponent now has one more card in his hand than does his partner. Therefore, he is slightly more likely to hold the jack.

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SONDY
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

YEEPA
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

NAWKEE
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

LEVET
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

They're there all the time!

PERMANENT, NO DOUBT - FOR MERMAIDS.

Print answer here: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 Answers: VALVE GIVEN SLEIGHT PLENTY
 Saturday's Jumbles: VALVE GIVEN SLEIGHT PLENTY
 Answer: What the photographer kept getting from his female assistant - "NEGATIVES"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Hawaiian
 5. Bravo
 8. Diner
 11. Fish pickle
 12. Other
 13. Expenditure
 14. Distinguish
 17. Result
 18. Disgrace
 19. Operating at a loss
 21. Musical study
 24. Herb eve
 27. Sport

DOWN

29. Silkworm
 30. Crib
 32. Arrest
 34. Ever poetic
 35. Fibers
 37. Achieved
 39. A.D. and B.C.
 41. Cotton thread
 45. Tentative
 48. Opportunity
 49. Biblical judge
 50. Peer
 51. Possessive adjective
 52. Flis
 53. Chests

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1. Fulfilled a bridge contract
 2. Icelandic measure
 3. Army meal
 4. Happen
 5. Feltish
 6. Branch
 7. Roman magistrate
 8. Importance
 9. Crumb
 10. Cold
 11. Rocky ledge
 16. Commentary
 20. Press for payment
 22. Stamp
 23. Attention
 24. Man's name
 25. Forefront
 26. Understands
 28. Twit
 31. Paraphrase
 32. Retcher
 36. Nostrils
 38. Clothes moth
 40. Missile shelter
 42. Susan Hampshire is one
 43. Frolic
 44. Annexes
 45. Pagoda ornament
 46. Totem pole
 47. Chinese dialect

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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 5 & 6:
 6:00 Quran
 6:30 Children's programme
 6:30 News in Arabic
Channel 8:
 7:30 Science and life
 8:30 Reportage

RADIO JORDAN

7:30 Breakfast show
 7:40 News
 7:40 Music
 8:00 Morning show
 11:30 Songs for you
 12:00 Pop session
 12:00 News summary
 13:03 Pop session
 14:00 News

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:
 Amman:
 Abdallah Murrat
 Abdallah Hafez
 (51919)
 Irbid:
 Said Dahmash (7773)
 Irbid:
 Zarga:
 Hisham Hiyasli (82440)
 Firas (3247)
 Hama (4432)
 Arafat (22081)
 Mada (22081)

Pharmacies:
 Amman:
 Saleh (36778)
 Amin (3735)
 Jacob (4445)
 Firas (41912)
 Irbid:
 Awa
 Zarga:
 Abo Lail

VOICE OF AMERICA

17:15 The Breakfast Show
 18:30 Show Show USA
 19:00 News and Topical Reports
 19:15 News
 19:30 Special English News
 20:00 News and New Productions
 20:15 The Concert Hall
 21:00 News and New Productions
 21:15 Children's Show
 21:30 News
 21:45 World News Commentary
 22:00

AMMAN AIRPORT

Departures:
 7:00 Damascus (GAA)
 8:45 Beirut (DEA)
 8:45 Cairo (CA)
 8:50 Beirut
 9:30 Frankfurt
 11:30 Riyadh (GDD)
 12:30 Baghdad (BA)
 12:45 Kuwait (KAC)
 12:45 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai (GA)
 18:00 London
 18:10 Abu Dhabi, Karachi (GA)
 18:10 Doha, Dubai, Bahrain, Bangkok
 20:00 Bahrain, Bangkok
 21:30 Baghdad
 21:30 Doha
 22:30 Baghdad

Arrivals:
 6:15 Damascus (GAA)
 7:30 Kuwait
 7:45 Jeddah
 7:55 Cairo (CA)
 8:15 Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh (GDD)
 8:40 Beirut
 11:13 Beirut
 11:30 Baghdad (BA)
 12:45 Kuwait (KAC)
 12:45 Bahrain (GA), London
 17:30 Athens, Larnaca, Colombo, Vienna, Karachi, Abu Dhabi
 18:10 Paris, Rome
 18:30 Paris, Beirut (AF)
 18:15 Frankfurt
 18:30 Beirut (MEA)
 19:30 Cairo

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance (emergency) Tel. 25111
 Civil defence force Tel. 2599-4
 Fire headquarters Tel. 22988
 First aid, fire, police Tel. 2599-4
 Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency) Tel. 2711-3
 Municipal waste service (emergency) Tel. 29141
 Night, nursing patrol (emergency) Tel. 21111, 27777
 Fire aid, fire, police (AHS) Tel. 25285

Cultural Centres

American Centre (USIS) Tel. 41220
 British Council Tel. 25147-8
 French Cultural Centre Tel. 27880
 German Institute Tel. 43588
 Soviet Cultural Centre Tel. 42888
 Amman Municipal Library Tel. 25111

Refuses to apologise to France

Nyerere: U.S., U.K. will recognise ZIPA

DAR ES SALAAM, Aug. 20 (AFP). — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere said today that Britain and the United States had agreed to Rhodesian nationalist demands that a constitutional agreement would incorporate the disbanding of the present Rhodesian

Rhodesia expects major guerrilla offensive soon

GWANDA, Rhodesia, Aug. 20 (AFP). — A major guerrilla offensive against Rhodesia within the next six months was predicted here today by Minister of Combined Operations Roger Hawkins.

At an agricultural show here, Mr. Hawkins said: "It is my considered opinion that within the next six months we will meet the major impact of the increased manpower reserves now available to the terrorists. 'It would be quite wrong of me to pretend that we are not in for a difficult period that we do not have a very rough time ahead of us,' he said. Rhodesia is currently the target of a three-pronged attack. Mr. Hawkins said. They were: United Nations economic sanctions, a psychological war and the guerrilla war itself. Britain and America believed Rhodesia was losing on all three fronts, he said.

army and its replacement by the Zimbabwe People's Army (ZIPA) guerrilla force.

President Nyerere told a press conference that he had received messages confirming this from the British and American governments.

This, he said, cleared up the "little confusion" he had experienced during his recent meeting in London with British Foreign Secretary David Owen.

President Nyerere went on: "We agree on this essential point. Smith will go and his army will go. ZIPA will be the future army of Zimbabwe."

Of the Anglo-American peace initiative, he said: "It is possible to push forward a little."

President Nyerere said that since his return from Washington and London, he had received clarifications from the British government on its view of the implementation of majority rule in Rhodesia.

No apology

Earlier today, President Nyerere said that Tanzania should not apologise to France for student demonstrations against its foreign minister, but that France should apologise to Africa for selling arms to South Africa.

The French Minister, M. Louis de Guiringaud, angrily cut short his official visit here yesterday when Tanzania declined to apologise for the airport demonstration against the French arms sales.

Dr. Nyerere, speaking to vi-

siting Guinea Premier Louis Lansana Beavogui, said: "So de Guiringaud comes here, all our boys do is ask him through posters what he thinks he is doing selling arms to South Africa, and he asks us to apologise."

"The apology is to come from them to us for selling arms to South Africa to kill our own people. Instead they want us to apologise to them."

The Tanzanian leader said France could sell arms to South Africa without much opposition from within France but that this would not be true in Britain.

"There, workers would stage protests and threaten strikes," he said.

31 known deaths in Indonesian earthquake

JAKARTA, Aug. 20 (R). — A wall of water flung by a mighty earthquake smashed an entire village on the tropical island of Sumba, sweeping away at least 23 fishermen, the Indonesian government reported today.

Tales of death and destruction are trickling out of Indonesia's remote southeastern islands following yesterday's powerful shock beneath the nearby sea.

The toll known so far is 31 dead, nine injured and 69 missing. Most of the deaths were on Sumba -- the island of sandalwood -- and nearby Sumbawa.

The earthquake bent the needles on recording instruments

Opposition reportedly lists 4 conditions for settlement with Nimeiri

TRIPOLI, Libya, Aug. 20 (R). — The Sudanese opposition National Front has laid down a list of conditions for a reconciliation with the government of President Jafar Nimeiri, the Libyan newspaper Al Jihad reported yesterday.

Earlier this month President Nimeiri pardoned ex-premier Sadi Al Mahdi, leader of the National Front, who organised an abortive coup in 1976 with alleged help from the Libyan Jamahiriya and has been in exile ever since.

The official Arab Revolution News Agency (ARNA) quoted the newspaper as saying the opposition conditions were: the release of political prisoners, the guaranteed independence of the Sudanese judiciary, the removal of foreign troops and foreign presence from Sudan immediately and "dissolution of the Axis joint defence agreement concluded on July 2, 1976."

This was an apparent reference to a mutual defence pact signed by Sudan and Egypt last year after both of them accused Libya of being involved in the coup against President Nimeiri.

China likens Brezhnev to Hitler

But for "Charter 77" Czechs would have forgotten today's anniversary of 1968 Soviet-led invasion

PRAGUE, Aug. 20 (R). — The 1968 "Prague Spring" curbed by a Soviet-led invasion nine years ago tomorrow, seems an increasingly distant memory for many Czechoslovaks -- though perhaps not as distant as the country's leadership would like -- when Warsaw Pact troops ended the reforms of the brief but popular regime of Alexander Dubcek.

Since December 1970, the invasion of five allied armies has been officially documented here as an act of internationalist solidarity which put an end to a counter-revolutionary plot.

Last year the ruling Communist Party Congress formally ended the "normalisation" policy designed to bring Czechoslovakia back into orthodox line after the liberal upheavals of 1968.

Communist chief Gustav Husak, Mr. Dubcek's successor as party leader, sought to steer his country out of the trauma by keeping the political temperature low and living standards up.

But the ghosts of 1968 returned this year in the shape of "Charter 77", with its call for civil liberties.

Some chartists have had to cope with arrest, police interrogation, surveillance, house searches, character denigration

and loss of jobs.

The authorities said Charter activities were contrary to Czechoslovak laws. They refused to enter a requested dialogue and orchestrated instead a mass campaign to discredit the Charter.

Charter spokesmen said the manifesto was founded on moral and legal principles, had no political aims and was not an organised opposition.

But the association of many of the 700 signatories with the Dubcek era was more than enough to damn them in official eyes.

The Communist Party daily Rude Pravo referred to them as "foreigners in their own country" and said: "Charter 77 is nothing but a petit bourgeois echo of the 'Socialism with a Human Face' of the year 1968."

Mr. Husak has said: "Even if 200 or 300 people have signed this anti-Czechoslovak pamphlet, it cannot change the situation here."

Last December the authorities released four political dissenters believed to have been the last of over 40 liberals jailed in subversion trials in 1972.

The activists have paid a high price for their association with the Charter. Of the three original spokesmen, philosopher Jan Patocka is dead, playwright Vaclav Havel is out of jail only after agreeing to stop being a spokesman, and 1968

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Bhutto faced more party defections Military ruler frees Pakistani media

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 20 (R). — Pakistan's military rulers have freed radio and television from government interference and control which they said have eroded their neutrality and credibility.

A government statement said they can report everything of public interest, analyse issues and problems facing the country and air public grievances.

They will be bound only by Islamic ideology, national integrity and Pakistan's cultural values, the statement said.

Army chief Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haque, who seized power last July 5, has repeatedly expressed his belief in a free press. He has replaced the head of the government-controlled group of newspapers and put on forced leave journalists most closely linked with

ousted Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Mr. Bhutto maintained tight control of the media during his five-and-a-half years in power. The army has promised the parties will have equal time on radio and television in the election campaign.

The government statement last night said the organisation of radio and television will be reshaped to adapt it to the requirements of unfettered and independent organisations.

The daily English-language newspaper New Times said today it believed television Managing Director Haroon Bokhari and other directors will be replaced and the Board of Directors of the broadcasting corporation may also be reorganised.

Defectors

The newspaper Pakistan Times reported yesterday that two more former ministers in Mr. Bhutto's government have refused to support him in the Oct. 18 general elections.

The Times said Mr. Afzal Khan and Arbab Muhammad Jhangir Khan, Ministers of Water and Power, and Housing and Works respectively in the previous administration, had refused to stand for Mr. Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP).

This follows the resignation

on Thursday of party Deputy Secretary General Nasir Ali Rizvi and the nomination refusal of former Finance Minister Rana Mohammad Hanif.

Last week Mr. Taj Mohammad Jamali, a former Health Minister, resigned from the party and claimed support of eight former parliamentarians from Baluchistan Province in both central and provincial governments.

Mr. Bhutto is fighting his political life after being ousted in the military coup last month.

The Times said that other leading figures in the PPP, including two former provincial chief ministers, had also refused to be nominated for seats in the North West Frontier Province.

It said that the former prime minister has attempted to boost his party's chances in the province by making an alliance with a section of the Moslem League.

The newspaper said he sent former minister Abdul Hafeez Pirzada to the sickbed of ageing party leader Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan to arrange the alliance, but the outcome was not known.

The Karachi newspaper Dawn also reported yesterday the defection of a former PPP member of the National Assembly and a large number of party workers in the politically important Punjab Province.

Communique assures Tito of Soviet respect for Yugoslav independence

MOSCOW, Aug. 20 (R). — President Tito yesterday secured a new public pledge from Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev that the Kremlin will respect Yugoslavia's right to chart its own course.

The Soviet assurance was made in a joint communique issued here after the Yugoslav leader left Moscow following two days of talks.

The two countries were agreed that their relations, and

links between the two parties, should be based on respect for sovereignty, independence, equality and non-interference, and of the freedom to choose "different ways of socialist development," it said.

The wording, identical to that of a communique issued when Mr. Brezhnev visited Belgrade last November, indicated a continued Soviet interest in dispelling Yugoslav concern, observers said.

Recent Soviet attacks on

"Eurocommunism" have revived uneasiness in Yugoslavia about Moscow's real attitude to other, independent-minded communist parties, and President Tito was believed anxious to secure fresh Soviet guarantees on the issue. The communique indicates he had been successful.

No direct reference was made to the debate over "Eurocommunism", although the two leaders were said to have reviewed topical questions of the world communist movement.

Both expressed determination to work for more cooperation between different parties on the basis of principles laid down at last year's European communist summit in Berlin.

At that meeting Moscow acknowledged the freedom of other parties to decide their own way of achieving communism. Observers said the communique's stress on its "great significance" could also be seen as a concession to Yugoslav feelings.

President Tito, 85, was last night settling down for a five-day break near Siberia's Lake Baikal before flying on next Wednesday for visits to North Korea and China. Mr. Brezhnev meanwhile returned to the Crimea, where he has been holidaying since mid-July.

Tunisian ex-minister given 8-year sentence in absentia

TUNIS, Aug. 20 (R). — Tunisia's State Security Court yesterday sentenced former Economics Minister Ahmad Ben Salah in his absence to eight years imprisonment on charges that included defaming President Habib Bourguiba and members of the government.

He was also found guilty of creating an illegal association and distributing pamphlets "likely to disturb public order."

Mr. Ben Salah was sentenced to 10 years hard labour in 1970 for high treason but escaped to Europe in 1973, apparently slipping out of prison in Tunis disguised as a

woman. He was one of 33 accused in the case which began two months ago.

All were charged following distribution last March of pamphlets by a clandestine organisation calling itself "The Movement for Popular Unity."

The court yesterday passed 17 prison sentences ranging from six months to eight years and seven suspended sentences of from eight months to three years. It ordered nine acquittals. Six men were sentenced in their absence.

Charges against all 33 defendants of harming state security, which can carry a death sentence, were dropped.

Another cult ends: Groucho of the Marks Brothers is dead

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (Agencies). — Groucho Marx, moustachioed, cigar-chomping comedian whose barbed wit and slapstick antics brought laughter to millions around the world, died in hospital here last night, he was 86.

A spokesman for the Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre said he died of complications following a mild form of pneumonia which he developed two months ago after hip surgery.

With him at his bedside were his son, Arthur, his daughter-in-law Lois, and his grandson and guardian, Andrew.

But absent was his companion of seven years, Miss Erin Fleming, who had left the room for a breath of fresh air moments before he died.

Contacted later at home, Miss Fleming called the death of the comedian -- whose

best-remembered trade-marks were his fluttering eyebrows, spectacles, waving cigar and sharp tongue -- the "end of an era." She added: "I don't think Groucho will ever leave us. He's too impudent."

Marx's condition had deteriorated rapidly in the past three days, until doctors announced yesterday that he was slipping in and out of consciousness and was near death.

"He was very sleepy," Miss Fleming said last night. "All he did was smile and acknowledge our presence."

Miss Fleming, 36, and the comedian's only son, Arthur, were the main protagonists in a lengthy court battle earlier this year over management of his \$2 million estate.

Legal battle

The bitter three-month court battle over the handling of his estate ended at his Ced-

ars-Sinai bedside on July 27 when a judge appointed his grandson, Andrew, as his permanent guardian.

Marx had blinked sleepily and answered only "yes" or "no" during the bedside court hearing.

Arthur Marx had challenged Miss Fleming's application for guardianship, claiming she had physically and verbally abused his father and supplied him with unprescribed drugs to keep him quiet. Miss Fleming, in a 900-page affidavit, denied she ever mistreated the comedian.

After a career based on barbed wise-cracks and insults, the comedian was reduced in the last months of his life to limited speech and awareness of his surroundings.

Marx Brothers

Often joined by his brothers, the moustachioed Grou-

cho starred in a dozen rollicking slapstick movies as well as Vaudeville, radio and television.

Born Julius Henry Marx in New York City on Oct. 2, 1890, he was best known throughout the world for his roles in such films as "Animal Crackers", "Horse Feathers", "A Night at the Opera" and "A Day at the Races."

Many of them still play over and over again for fans who made the Marx Brothers -- Groucho, Chico, Harpo, Gummo and Zeppo -- into cult figures. Only Zeppo, who opted out of the team in the mid-1930s, still survives at age 74.

They were born to Jewish tailor Sam Marx and his wife, Minnie. It was their mother who organised them into a Vaudeville act, which went unnoticed for years.

But gradually the public came to accept their zany, irreverent humour.

Most of the films were made in the 1930s and 40s, but Groucho became a hit with a whole new generation when he took his quick-witted style from a radio to a television version of his quiz-comedy show "You Bet Your Life" in the 1950s.

After demoting guests from the audience with wise-cracks, he would let them win prize money easily by answering such questions as "Who is buried in Grant's tomb?" -- a certain chance for Americans recognising the mausoleum of former President Ulysses S. Grant.

On his 82nd birthday, when asked how he would like to be remembered, replied: "Alive. If not that, then dead."

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She received a settlement of well over \$1 million.

Groucho's first marriage to Ruth Johnson in 1920 lasted for 22 years. They had a son and a daughter.

His second marriage to Catherine Gorcey in 1945 produced one daughter, but ended in 1951. Three years later he married Miss Hartford.

The Marx we know Film viewers never forget the appearance of Groucho Marx: his big cigar, the moustache drawn with a crayon and his inimitable walk, clad in a turtleneck.

His walk suggested a lascivious cockroach, one biographer wrote.

He always played the part of an incorrigible impostor. He fooled people with unparalleled poise and cynicism. When his deceit was exposed, as happened invariably, he never showed an instant of shame, he deceived all the more, drowning his antagonist under a deluge of words.

His trump card was his gift for upsetting conventional ideas and flouting conventional behaviour.

After being the guest in Britain of T.S. Eliot, Groucho wrote to the great poet to thank him "a thousand times for your warm hospitality" and to wish that when Eliot came to the United States he would provide more of the same to Groucho.

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Rightist UNITA said takes Angolan town

* JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 20 (AFP). — Anti-communist forces of the National Union for Total Angolan Independence (UNITA) today captured the town of Calai in southern Angola, the South African Press Association reported here. The city fell after a 45-minute attack with mortar and machine gun fire, the agency said. Calai is near the South African military base at Rundu in northern Namibia (South West Africa).

Cubans said tortured Americans in Vietnam

* NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (R). — A team of Cubans tortured American prisoners of war in a north Vietnamese prison camp in the months before the 1973 Paris peace agreement, a former American air force colonel said in an interview published today. The colonel, who said he was a prisoner at the camp, told the Daily News in a copyrighted story he was breaking his silence to make Americans aware of Cuban atrocities in Vietnam as the United States moved towards normalising relations with Cuba.

Zaire's new foreign minister named

* KINSHASA, Aug. 20 (R). — President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire yesterday named a new foreign minister to replace Mr. Nguzu Karl-Bond, who was dismissed and arrested last week on charges of high treason, the Zaire news agency AZAP reported. Mr. Nguzu, a close friend of the president, was last Saturday alleged to have concealed advance knowledge of the Shaba invasion last March. The new State Commissioner Minister for Foreign Affairs is Mr. Umba Di Lutete, 38, who previously held the post between March 1974 and February last year. He is at present Zaire's ambassador to the United Nations.

Floods in Indian State of Assam kill 42

* NEW DELHI, Aug. 20 (AFP). — Floodwaters from the Brahmaputra River have affected 500,000 people in the northeastern Indian State of Assam and have caused extensive damage to housing and crops. Latest reports reaching here put the death toll from the current flooding at 42.

UAE supports Comoro's Arab League entry

* ABU DHABI, Aug. 20 (R). — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) today pledged to support an application by the Comoro Islands to join the Arab League, the head of a visiting delegation from the Indian Ocean state said here today. Mr. Abdullah Mohammed, Minister of State for Home Affairs in the Comoro Islands said the Comoro's application to join the 20-nation league was discussed in talks here today with UAE Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Abdul Rahman Al Jarwan.



SILVER JUBILEE RACING FESTIVAL



for the 25th anniversary of the accession of

HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN TO THE THRONE

The Royal Racing Club is holding its third silver jubilee festival

at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21.

Special event: A race for the City of Amman Cup, worth JD 2,500.